



To: All HOME & CDBG Recipients, PHAs, & CHDOs
From: IHFA Community Development Department
Date: December 5, 2000
Re: State of Indiana Consolidated Plan

Notice: FSP-00-19

Enclosed is a copy of the 2000 Consolidated Plan Executive Summary. The Executive Summary as well as the full 2000 Consolidated Plan are also available to download from the Indiana Housing Finance Authority (IHFA) website at www.indianahousing.org.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires states and local communities to prepare a Consolidated Plan in order to receive federal housing and community development funding. The Plan consolidates into a single document the planning and application requirements for Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA) funding. Consolidated Plans are required to be prepared every five years, and updates to the five-year plan are required annually. The 2000 Consolidated Plan is the second five-year plan completed by Indiana.

The purpose of the Consolidated Plan is:

1. To identify a state's housing and community development needs, priorities, goals, and strategies; and
2. To stipulate how funds will be allocated to state housing and community development nonprofit organizations and local governments.

There are four state agencies responsible for the State Consolidated Plan – Indiana Housing Finance Authority, Indiana Department of Commerce, Family and Social Services Administration, and the State Department of Health. As these agencies embark on the 2001 annual update, we encourage your organization to become involved in the planning process.

Early in 2001, the Consolidated Plan Committee will distribute surveys to receive input regarding views on the quality of life and experience of living in Indiana. The Consolidated Plan Committee will also host public forums at various locations throughout the State as a second means of gathering public input regarding housing and community development needs and the use of federal funds to address these needs. We encourage your organization to take advantage of the public comment process as an opportunity for your clients and staff to express their views on these issues.

Your assistance and participation in the planning process will make the 2001 Consolidated Plan Update a valuable tool to be used extensively by each of the four participating agencies. If you have any questions regarding the Consolidated Plan process, please contact Sheryl Sharpe at (800) 872-0371.

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